

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-16 (Canceled)

17-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A method for lubricating a conveyor belt surface according to claim 17 wherein ~~the~~sufficient to provide gliding contact with conveyed objects comprising discontinuously applying a liquid lubricant composition comprises~~comprising~~ (a) an aqueous phase, and (b) 10 to 40% by weight of a silicone oil~~and the aqueous phase~~, said silicone oil being a polydimethyl siloxane, said liquid producing a dry lubricant film remaining on said conveyor belt surface imparting said required lubricity.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A method ~~according~~for lubricating a conveyor belt surface ~~sufficient to claim 17 wherein said~~provide gliding contact with conveyed objects comprising discontinuously applying a liquid lubricant composition comprises~~comprising~~ (a) 10 to 50% by weight of water, and (b) 10 to 90% by weight of ~~the~~an oil selected from vegetable oils, mineral oils and mixtures thereof, ~~and 10 to 50% by weight of water~~said liquid producing a dry lubricant film remaining on said conveyor belt surface imparting said required lubricity.

23. (Currently Amended) The method for lubricating a conveyor belt surface according to claims ~~17~~20 or 22 wherein the liquid composition comprises a polyhydric alcohol.

24. (Previously Presented) The method to claim 23 wherein said polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of glycerine, propylene glycol, ethylene glycol and mixtures thereof.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23 wherein said polyhydric alcohol is present in the liquid composition at a concentration of at least 20% by weight.

26. (Currently Amended) The method for lubricating a conveyor belt surface according to claims ~~17~~20 or 22 wherein said liquid composition includes an aqueous phase, and wherein polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin is present in said aqueous phase in the form of an ultrafine particle dispersion of the resin.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26 wherein said PTFE resin constitutes 2 to 25% by weight of the liquid composition.

28. (Currently Amended) The method for lubricating a conveyor belt surface according to claims ~~17~~20 or 22 wherein the liquid composition includes a surfactant material selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, and mixtures thereof.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 wherein said surfactant material is present in the composition at a concentration of 0.1 to 10.0% by weight.

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claims ~~17~~20 or 22 wherein the objects are open containers substantially filled with a liquid.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30 wherein said containers are glass or plastic bottles filled with a beverage.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30 wherein said containers are metal containers filled with a beverage.

33. (Currently Amended) A method according to claims ~~17~~20 or 22 wherein the objects comprise cardboard containers.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) The method for lubricating a conveyor belt surface according to claim 17 wherein said liquid composition is applied onto the surface of a conveyor belt using a flicker non-contact applicator, containing

- a) a motor-driven, rotating, tubular brush which picks up said liquid composition from a sump via transfer rollers, and
- b) a steel plate mounted against the brush which flicks the bristles as the brush rotates, to generate a mist of droplets of liquid material directed on to the surface of the conveyor belt.